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Celebrating the Family

Why Celebrate the Family?

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“Throughout the Bible, God uses family terminology to describe His relationship to His redeemed.”

“Celebrating the Family” is the theme for the 1989-90 academic year at Cedarville College and the emphasis of this issue of the *Cedarville TORCH*. But why celebrate the family?

We celebrate the family because the family deserves it. God established marriage involving one man and one woman in Eden and ordained that children be born to parents who are married. His Word consistently honors marriage and the special nature of family relationships. Jesus Christ, in responding to a question about marital disruption, cited Adam’s and Eve’s lifelong monogamy as the standard and then said, “What God has joined together, let not man separate” (Matthew 19:6).

Throughout the Bible, God uses family terminology to describe His relationship to His redeemed. In the Old Testament, His chosen people were described as His spouse and their periods of defection, consequently, as adultery. In the New Testament, Christ is the Bridegroom and the church His Bride. God also pictures Himself as Father and believers as His children.

Terms such as “brethren” also show that family-type feelings rightly extend to other relationships as well, especially among Christians. The way Cedarville students frequently describe their college experience is “like being in one big family.” Others refer to their neighbors or co-workers using family-type words. A friend of mine, trying to

express his feelings for one of his employees, exclaimed, “I would adopt him if I could.” We find the concept of family cropping up everywhere.

While we celebrate the family, we do not deify it. Those whom God has called to a life of singleness have too long been treated as second-class citizens, their gifts neglected, and their value denigrated by their churches. Those whose families have fractured also feel like outsiders to the family of faith. Our college celebration of family extends beyond the husband-wife and parent-child unions to a wider definition encompassing the family elements of churches, communities, and other relationships.

Families are in trouble today. The trek from Eden has taken its toll on the most basic of human relationships, and the effects reach every corner of society. Some attacks on the family are philosophical, as vocal "experts" theorize a new social order to replace the family in what they see as an inevitable evolution of human experience. Other attacks are more personal, as family members struggle daily to find the satisfaction and fulfillment they think they deserve.

Our celebration is not un mindful of these problems. We celebrate because the family is God's idea. And in spite of widespread trauma, many families are flourishing!

This *Cedarville TORCH* issue features several families of various sizes, ages, and callings. They are different from each other in many respects, yet their experiences are typical of innumerable families who are making it. They do not claim perfection, and they have been willing to be transparent about some of their struggles.

Probably no two families are exactly alike. God demonstrated His creativity by forming us with individual differences, and different people create different relationships. God's instructions for marriages and families acknowledge this, giving the non-negotiables in broad principles and allowing diversity by fostering expressions of individual differences. Consequently, as you read the following articles, you may be able to identify with some of the experiences of these families while others may seem foreign to you. The hope of these people, and mine as well, is that you might be encouraged and strengthened by focusing on what is going *right* in families. ■

ITINERARIES

Dr. Paul Dixon, President

New York, NY—Manhattan Bible Church, February 24-25
 Rockford, MI—Blythefield Hills Baptist Church, March 4
 Mt. Vernon, OH—Faith Baptist Church (Youth Rally), March 5
 Holly wood, FL—First Baptist Church, March 11
 Grand Rapids, MI—State Teen Bible Conference, March 30-31
 Watervliet, MI—Midway Baptist Church, April 1
 Crawfordsville, IN—East Side Baptist Church, April 8
 Medinah, IL—Medinah Christian School Banquet, April 20
 Williamstown, OH—Community Bible Church, April 22
 Schroon Lake, NY—Word of Life Bible Institute, April 23-28
 Schroon Lake, NY—Word of Life Father/Son Retreat, April 27-28
 Kalamazoo, MI—Westwood Baptist Church, May 19-20
 Auburn, IN—Bible Baptist Church, May 27
 Cedarville, OH—94th Commencement, Cedarville College, June 2

Dr. James T. Jeremiah, Chancellor

Sebring, FL—Maranatha Baptist Church, March 4-9
 Tour to Israel, Jordan, and Egypt—March 12-24
 Tallmadge, OH—First Baptist Church, April 8-10
 Cedarville, OH—Cedarville College Chapel, April 12
 Grand Rapids, MI—Grand Rapids Baptist College Chapel, April 18
 Ephrata, PA—Grace Fellowship, April 20-22
 Northfield, OH—Northfield Baptist, April 29-May 2
 Roxana, IL—First Baptist Church, May 6-9
 Cedarville, OH—94th Commencement, Cedarville College, June 2

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The Dixons, Cedarville College's "First Couple"

by Ron Coriell

Managing Editor of Cedarville *TORCH*



He is president of a growing Christian college. She is an associate professor of English at the college. Professionally, Paul and Pat Dixon are influencing literally thousands of young people.

Beyond the professional success of this couple is the aspect of their lives which they value the most. They are a family experiencing the grace of God. Building into one another's lives and especially into the life of their son

Scott has been their greatest responsibility and joy.

The Dixons. A special family, yes. But, surprisingly, this couple is a lot like most of us who are married. They love each other deeply and yet still irritate one

another at times. Ask them and they will tell you that they are not perfect. In fact, they say the "model couple" simply does not exist. Somehow, I imagine, we are all glad to hear them say that.

EARLY LIFE-DIRECTING DECISIONS

Like many other newly-marrieds in 1960, Paul and Pat Dixon discussed their goals and aspirations. One was to *finish their education*. Today they view this choice as key preparation for their current ministry in higher education.

At this decision point he was a senior and she had just finished her sophomore year at Tennessee Temple College. Pat went on to complete her master's degree at the University of Tennessee. Paul earned his master's at Temple Baptist Theological Seminary and his doctorate at the University of Cincinnati.

Perhaps the most significant life-directing decision for the Dixons was the *priority placed upon the Scriptures and prayer*. They can recall specific occasions when God directed their path through verses they studied together.

When Paul and Pat Dixon were first married, they wrote Psalm 39:4 in large letters and hung it on their closet door: "Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am." The verse served as a daily reminder of the brevity of life and their need to trust God in every matter.

Their resolution for Paul to leave evangelism after 14 years and become the president of Cedarville College was reinforced by Acts 13:36: "David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep." They relate that they saw this as God's confirmation that the best way for Paul Dixon to serve his generation was to build into the lives of thousands of college students. These young people would, in turn, become ambassadors of the Gospel and multiply his ministry many times over.

Another early life-directing decision for the Dixons was to *follow biblical principles of finances*. Like most of us, they began their marriage with few luxuries. They drove a nine-year-old Dodge, and their first apartment was

small, furnished, and rented for \$60 a month with utilities included. Paul supported his family by taking in dry cleaning and later by working in a bank. Paul entered the evangelism ministry as an unknown to many churches, and he literally got on his knees and asked God to give him each meeting. In spite of their meager resources, the Dixons committed themselves to a program of budgeting that included tithing, giving, and saving. And when Pat began teaching, they purposed, as a general rule, to live on Paul's income with the extra funds going for savings, investments, and giving to special projects and needs of others.

Paul notes, "Many young couples enter marriage with little understanding of how to manage their finances. This is why we offer a course at Cedarville in marriage and the family which includes financial planning. Every couple, no matter what their income, should tithe, give, save, and spend conservatively. Unfortunately, they can become accustomed to the lifestyle two incomes afford and find it difficult to drop back to only the husband's income when children begin to arrive. Ultimately, the family can suffer as mom feels chained to her job when she would rather be home as a full-time homemaker, especially during the early preschool years."

Buying quality is another early decision that shaped the Dixon family perspective. Says Paul, "A top quality pair of shoes may cost twice as much as a cheaper pair, but it is the far better value because it will last four times as long."

Attention to quality marks Paul and Pat Dixon to this day and is reflected in his leadership of a Christian college that is respected nationwide for the excellence of its academic programs and facilities. Pat's hand is evident in the decorating of dorm lounges, the chapel, the President's Dining Room, and other areas on the campus.

ESSENTIAL ADJUSTMENTS

The Dixons consider themselves somewhat different from most couples in that they are so much alike. Both see themselves as very self-motivated and

independent. Both are successful in their careers, and yet neither is intimidated by the other's accomplishments. They came into marriage with similar views of discipline for children. Yet, they will admit that adjustments were necessary along the way.

Upon graduation Paul entered a ministry as a traveling evangelist which took him out of the home 30-33 weeks of the year. To meet the challenge of spending quality time with his family, he scheduled meetings carefully. He would travel and speak two consecutive weeks and then be home the following week. The family always spent holidays and every summer together.

When Scott turned five, the Dixons decided to spend every day together before Scott started his schooling, so they bought a travel trailer and, for the next year and a half, ministered as a family unit. Pat provided special music, and Scott was the evangelist's favorite "Preacher's Pals" choir member.

A very special adjustment for the Dixons was accepting their inability to have more children. They explored medical help for Pat and adoption, neither with success. Interestingly, adoption agencies turned down the Dixons' request because of Paul's vocation as a traveling evangelist.

Pat tells of having to adjust her perception of the male mentality. Having a quiet father and no brothers left her with little understanding of a man's mind-set. She, describing herself as a perfectionist, asks, "Why is it that men cannot care for their household duties before they play? I'd love for Paul to clean the garage before I have to ask him."

Paul has had to make adjustments to Pat as well. "For instance," he relates, "I am able to come home from the office and relax almost instantly. I can quickly put the stress of the workplace out of my mind and not pick it up until the next day. Pat is slower at this process, and I have learned through the years to be more patient in waiting for her to unwind."

Because Paul is so geared to the positive, he admits that listening to bad news has come hard for him. Yet he quickly learned as president that

problems do surface and require his focus. "If you build a wall of positivism around you, you almost become unapproachable. Soon family members and co-workers no longer bring you their problems or bad news. This is not good for me or for those I love and respect. Though this positive approach to life has much value, it is only in recent years that I discovered the difficulties this created for others."

SERVING THEIR GENERATION TODAY

Pat had Psalm 37:23 engraved inside her husband's wedding band: "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, and he delighteth in his way." Today Paul Dixon delights in the way God has led them.

"We are in constant awe that God would give us this ministry," he says. "I have always maintained that the world will never be won to Christ from the pulpit alone, but from both the pulpit and the pew. That's what we are doing at Cedarville--training future business people, teachers, lawyers, doctors, nurses, engineers, homemakers, as well as pastors and missionaries, to reach their world with the Gospel."

The Dixons are also serving in a new role as grandparents. Both Scott and his wife Sara (Beattie) are Cedarville graduates. After Scott graduated from Dallas Theological Seminary, they, along with sons Andrew Paul, 3, and Benjamin Robert, 10 months, moved to Cedarville where Scott is on the faculty at the college for this academic year.

Are Grandpa and Grandma Dixon as strict as they were as parents? "We're more bendable," is their transparent reply. Paul and Pat are learning not to expect their son and daughter-in-law to raise their children exactly the way they raised Scott. Paul observes, "Scott and Sara are going to build their own family in their own way. That's fine. Pat and I shouldn't have anything to say about that." Pat added, "I think sons and daughters always reflect upon their own families' strong and weak points and decide what they'll carry over into their respective marriages. Every generation becomes stronger that way, improving upon past strengths and mistakes."

The Dixons see themselves as serving one another in an even more special way now that Scott is on his own. They will celebrate 30 years of marriage in August. "This is quite a milestone in this day and age, and by God's grace it has been a growing relationship," Paul remarks.

"Today, we are closer than ever," he continues, "and I just marvel at Pat's gifts. She probably has more ability in more areas than any person I have ever met. She is talented musically and artistically and has many varied interests. From our first small apartment to our present home, she has carefully made them lovely, warm homes in which to live and to entertain. Moreover, she is an excellent communicator and was named 'Teacher of the Year' in Chattanooga before coming to Cedarville.

"Yet with all this talent, Pat has always sacrificed her interests for mine and Scott's. At no time have I ever felt that her professional life was more important to her than her family and home. In fact, her real strength is her love and consideration of people.

"Moreover, Pat is a person of integrity, very honest, very genuine, and I'm so grateful to God for that."

"Paul began dating me when he was 18 and I was 16," Pat recalls. "We were married three and one-half years later. Over the years he has been so loving, considerate, and sensitive to my needs. It's important for couples to discuss how they are meeting each other's needs. I wish each couple would evaluate this after their first, fifth, tenth, twentieth, thirtieth year, and beyond. I wish we had done this consistently throughout those early years."

Paul believes that being a family is a perfecting process. He and Pat, like other Christian couples, struggle to be faithful with their family devotions, try not to take each other for granted, and want to be sensitive to the needs of their aging parents.

Because they live and work in a small community, they understand that their lives are under constant scrutiny.

"If I were to fail morally," says Paul, "I believe it would be devastating to my family and to my role of leadership in

the cause of Christ at the college, in our church, and even across the nation among the people who know me."

So the Dixons are not perfect; they are only being perfected through the grace of God. In the midst of this process they see themselves observing several key principles.

"We take our Christianity very seriously when it comes to living out what we have been teaching and preaching for 30 years. We work at pleasing our Lord every day that He gives us. Yet, I hope our family's Christianity is not an unreasonable, austere brand. Being a Christian family should be fun.

"Pat and I are having more fun now than at any time in our lives. We now have more opportunity to do things together such as designing and planning our new home. There is more travel together. We have the joy of being with our grandchildren. I am excited each day as I come to the college, knowing that my work is building into the lives of college students. And I am able to preach the Gospel on many weekends at churches, camps, conferences, and chapels for professional sports teams. Truly, God has given us a phenomenal ministry.

"Both Pat and I are deeply grateful to those who have had such a positive influence on us personally and on our family. These include parents, sisters, and other relatives. We remember with appreciation the input of long-time friends, teachers, college professors, and pastors. Without a doubt, the Dixons have grown through the encouragement of many individuals. Most of all we praise our Lord Jesus Christ for His saving grace and day-by-day enablement." ■

The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O Lord, endureth forever: forsake not the works of thine own hands.

Psalm 38:8



Gordon Horne recently retired as President and Chief Executive Officer of The Guarantee Company of North America, a Canadian property casualty insurance company headquartered in Montreal. He and his wife, Olive, are grateful for the Christian liberal arts training their children, Marilyn and Mark, received at Cedarville College.

Canadian Couple's Goals for Their Children Realized at Cedarville College, U.S.A.

"Olive and I have strong convictions about the distinctives of our faith. So we were quite interested in encouraging our children to attend a quality, liberal arts college where our values and beliefs were not only taught but also modeled. We were glad when we found Cedarville College in the U.S.A.

"We wanted our children to learn in an accepting, friendly atmosphere. We knew we had found this when we saw the 'Welcome Canadians' sign upon our arrival in Cedarville that first year.

"We were especially impressed with the breadth of Cedarville's academic programs. At that time our children were not sure in which area to major. But, we were confident that with our prayers and the help of concerned Christian faculty, God would direct them. And of course, He did.

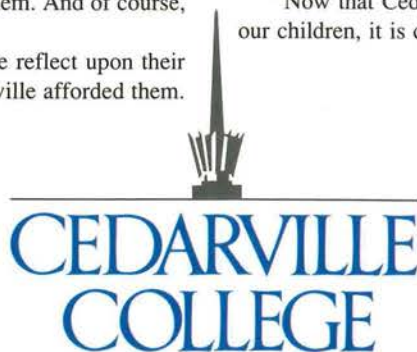
"Marilyn and Mark have graduated now. As we reflect upon their experience, we realize several other benefits Cedarville afforded them.

"Their academic preparation was first-rate. Marilyn has taught successfully in Canada and in the States. And Mark has received excellent opportunities in business and is furthering his education in an M.B.A. program.

"Most important though, our children grew spiritually while they studied. They attended classes that were taught from a biblical perspective, and they matured in their Christian walk through meaningful extracurricular activities. Marilyn developed a compassion for people through ministries in the U.S.A. and Australia. And Mark received important Christian leadership experience as the college's first Canadian student body president.

"Now that Cedarville has helped us realize important goals for our children, it is clear to us that this college was the right choice."

- Accredited Baptist liberal arts college
- Over 50 areas of study
- Worldwide Christian ministries
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- Financial aid available



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CAMPUS NEWS



William A. Brock Hall, the new residence facility for 174 men, was built and equipped for \$3,050,000, over \$1.5 million of which was given for the project by friends of the college. The gift income reached an amount which qualified for a \$250,000 challenge grant issued by The Kresge Foundation.

In keeping with Cedarville's emphasis on the family, several family-oriented events have become traditional at the college. In November grandparents come to campus to enjoy special activities with their grandchildren during the popular Grandparents' Day. In February Cedarville students invite younger brothers and sisters to join them for Li'l Sibs' Weekend, and the May Parents' Weekend draws several hundred parents to campus.

Having offered a two-year pre-engineering program since 1981, Cedarville College will initiate a new baccalaureate engineering program fall quarter 1990, pending approval by the State of Ohio Board of Regents. The college is conducting a search for the department chair and faculty for the program which will offer majors in electrical or mechanical engineering. Interested candidates should contact Dr. Duane Wood, Academic Vice President.

The U.S. Supreme Court upheld an Urbana, Ohio, court case last fall, and Cedarville's Dr. Raymond Bartholomew was an "expert witness" in the lower court ruling. When the town's obscenity law was challenged by the sale of certain pornographic magazines, Bartholomew, Professor of English and Chairman of the Department of Languages and Literature, was called upon to prove the non-literary value of the publications. Urbana's city law director said that the high court decision establishes standards by which the city can judge other magazines.

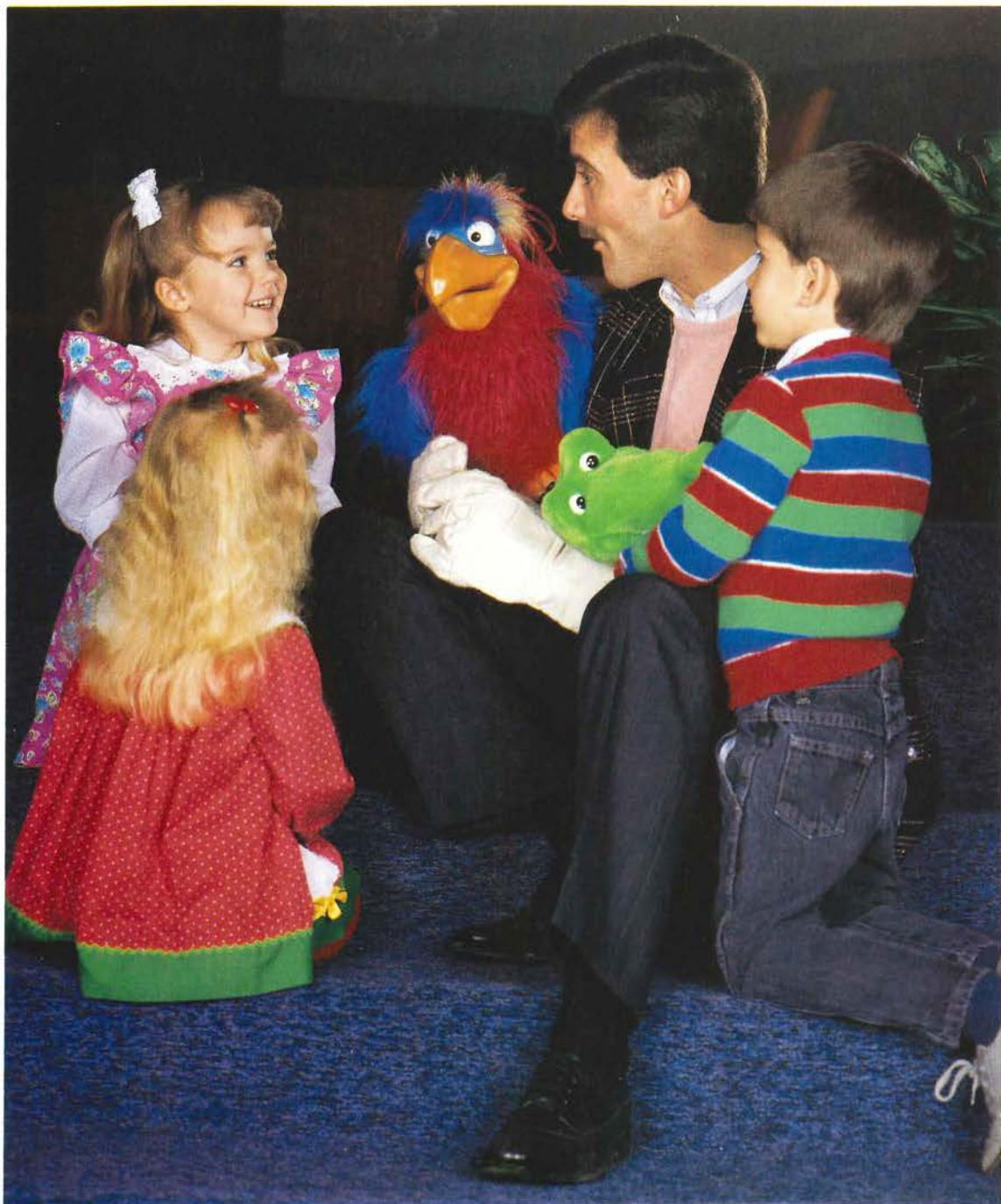


Dr. Raymond Bartholomew



1989

**Cedarville College
President's Report**



An outreach of the college family is the puppet ministry under the direction of Kirk Keller.

Celebrating the Family

We are celebrating the family this year at Cedarville College. In chapel, with special activities, and through our college publications, we are honoring the concept of family. We are doing this because as Christians we are members of the family of God.

In God's economy, the human family is basic. The family has been the foundation of our framework as a great nation. No other institution is more essential to our prosperity.

Throughout the history of the United States, families have profoundly influenced us. Can any historian write about America without mentioning the Carnegies, Mellons, and Rockefellers? The great preacher Jonathan Edwards and his wife Sarah left us with a heritage of 1,400 descendants which included 13 college presidents, 65 professors, 100 lawyers, 30 judges, 66 physicians, 80 holders of public office, 3 senators, 3 governors, and 1 vice-president of the United States.

Today it is refreshing to have President George Bush and his lovely wife Barbara as role models for our nation. For them, "First Family" really means family, complete with kids, grandkids, and family pets!

But, the family is in trouble in our land. Former President Dwight Eisenhower foresaw our day 30 years ago when he said, "The problems of America are family problems multiplied a millionfold."

In the last five years, divorce in the U.S. is more prevalent than in any other nation, higher than at any time in our history. The data tells us that one out of every three marriages will end in divorce.

The effect of our family trouble upon children is staggering. It is predicted that of the 3.6 million children who began formal schooling in 1986, 40 percent will be living in a broken home before they reach the age of 18. Births out of wedlock have increased over 450 percent in just 30 years.

Yes, families are endangered—but not doomed.

University of Nebraska's Professor Nick Stinnet studied 3,000 families, not to find out what was *wrong* with them but what was *right* with them. He found six characteristics of strong families. They (1) are committed to each other, (2) spend time together, (3) enjoy good family communication, (4) express appreciation for one another, (5) have a spiritual commitment, and (6) are able to solve problems in a crisis.

What excites me about Professor Stinnet's findings is how well they fit the mission and objectives of Cedarville College. Notice the importance of spiritual commitment, communication strategies, problem solving, and good socialization skills. These traits are the value-added elements of the quality Christian education offered at Cedarville. Add to this the input of outstanding faculty into rigorous and respected academic programming, and the product, our graduates, are positioned to make an impact for God.

Good families make good businesses, good churches, good communities, and a good nation. They are the solid building blocks of our country. We simply cannot do without them.

So, Cedarville College is "Celebrating the Family."

In addition to our students, our "immediate family" of full-time faculty and staff numbers 264. I view their character and professional skills with amazement. How so many excellent individuals could gather at a Christian liberal arts college in southwest Ohio can only be attributed to God. He called them to serve here, and they are reproducing themselves spiritually and professionally. This is why I am not surprised that major corporations enthusiastically hire our graduates year after year. Their ethics, moral fiber, and enthusiasm for work, along with their academic skills, make them extremely valuable to employers.

STUDENTS

1,879 enrollment fall quarter 1988; 1,942 in 1989

Over 1,200 applications received for fall quarter 1988; 1,297 in 1989

11th consecutive record enrollment in 1989

48 states, Puerto Rico, and 14 foreign countries represented in the student body

Average Cedarville freshman in top 25th percentile nationally in ACT/SAT scores, high school GPAs, and class rank

4,661 Admissions guests in 1988-89, an increase of 6%

Over 10,200 college guests

144 Presidential Scholars enrolled 1988-89 (top 3% nationally on SAT or ACT exams)

370 graduates in June 1989



Ten of the 11 full-time professors in the Department of Science and Mathematics hold earned doctorates in their teaching disciplines.

Our "extended family" includes the parents of the 1,942 students who entered classes this past fall (our 11th consecutive record enrollment). These families live in 48 states and several foreign countries. Cedarville's family is national and international in scope.

While "Celebrating the Family" is the theme for this school year, I am determined that this concept should not end with commencement in June. This is why I have instituted on campus a task force on the family. This group has been investigating how the college can make an even greater and longer-lasting impact on our Cedarville family members.

Several family events have become tradition at Cedarville. "Grandparents' Day" last November drew over 300 grandparents to campus to enjoy special activities with their grandchildren. In February the students invite their younger brothers and sisters to join them for "Li'l Sibs' Weekend." The orientation for parents of new students in September and the May "Parents' Weekend" bring several hundred parents to campus.

Our alumni are an important part of our college family. The Alumni Relations Office maintains contact with them and plans area gatherings across the nation, as well as the annual Homecoming events.

I envision Cedarville becoming a place of refuge for hurting family members. That's why our two full-time counselors, our deans, residence hall directors, faculty, and staff minister to students on a daily basis. And after they graduate, we do not forget them. Many have already taken advantage of my standing offer to call me collect anytime if they are encountering difficulty. Why? Because we are family.

Our Cedarville family also includes other important members—friends and donors. Many families experience the blessing when one of their own has a special prayer or giving ministry. At Cedarville we also rejoice with benefactors who serve in this capacity.

Thank God for the dear woman who faithfully purchases a \$10 money order each month and sends it to help us bridge the gap between what the students pay and the actual costs of their education.

Thank God for the couple who listen faithfully over WCDR as I speak each Monday in chapel. They note the prayer needs and announcements to the entire student body, faculty, and staff. Then they pray for our college family with a devotedness that only God can and will reward.

Thank God for an anonymous donor who gave generously to the William A. Brock Hall project. This dear person understands that a student's quality education also benefits from the fine residence hall program in place at Cedarville College.

In this 1989 President's Report, I can say, with gratefulness to God, that Cedarville College is strong and growing. And it is our "familyship" that holds us together. Students, parents, faculty, staff, friends, donors—our roles are different, but each person's part is vital to the prosperity of the whole. And together, by the grace of God, we are accomplishing the mission of Cedarville College: to offer an education consistent with biblical truth.

Because of this we enter the '90s with great anticipation. Our Cedarville family has a great work to do: sending graduates equipped to succeed at family living—*Christian* family living—into churches, communities, our nation, and our world. As we are faithful to this task, our God will be glorified, and the cause of Jesus Christ will be advanced in those churches, communities, our nation, and our world.



Dr. Paul Dixon
President

OUTREACH

Over 70% of Cedarville students in volunteer Christian ministries

84 teams in area churches, agencies, orphanages, hospitals, rest homes, jails, and schools each week

400 churches assisted by teams during the year

Gospel teams in church ministries nationwide, beach and city evangelism, and camp counseling during the summer and quarter breaks

Missionary Internship Service students to Argentina, Australia, Brazil, China, Ecuador, England, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Japan, New Zealand, Niger, Peru, Philippines, and Togo

WCDR-FM, through new power increase, reaching two million potential listeners in southwest Ohio and the Richmond, Indiana, area

25 faculty and staff ministering at churches, schools, camps, and conventions through college Speakers' Bureau

200 children of prison inmates in southwest Ohio recipients of Christmas gifts through WCDR-sponsored Project Angel Tree

Food baskets filled for 25 needy families at annual Community Night

220 warm coats donated by college family for distribution to needy people in the community



A care package from home
provides a welcome oppor-
tunity to share with friends.

ADVANCES

William A. Brock Hall Completed

Housing 174 men
Built and equipped for \$3.5 million

New International Studies Major

Interdepartmental core
Initial concentration in business, missions, communications, and language

Engineering, Fall 1990

Bachelor of Science in Engineering program
Concentrations in electrical or mechanical engineering

Capital Projects in Planning

Expansion of Science Center
New facilities for Nursing and Engineering
New building for Music Department
Expansion of Chapel

Ohio's Top College in Forensics

6th consecutive year

Professors Completing Doctoral Studies

Daniel Estes, Ph.D.,
Cambridge University, England
David Robey, Ph.D.,
Union Graduate School, Cincinnati, Ohio

Publication Awards

From the National School Public Relations Association:
Fund-raising brochure for William A. Brock Hall—1st place Award of Excellence for distinguished achievement;
Cedarville TORCH —superior rating, a finalist among specialty magazines

Champions

Soccer
Women's Cross Country
Women's Track
sixth straight year
Women's Basketball
Men's Cross Country
National Champion—Eric Fillinger
Wrestling Champions—Dale Kime and Brian Phipps

All Americans

Eric Fillinger
Men's Cross Country
Indoor Track
Men's Track
Male CC Athlete of the Year
Paul Norman
Soccer
Chris Friesen
Women's Basketball
Dave Weber
Men's Track

BUDGET

Balanced Budget

\$14,330,720 in 1988-89
with a small surplus

Modest Surpluses

Last 10 consecutive years

Student Costs for 1989-90

Tuition, room, board, and fees: \$8,062 compared to the \$12,635 national average for private colleges

1988-89 Current Fund Expenditures



■	Instructional and Academic Support	\$5,145,575	33.13%
■	Administrative and Instructional Services	\$3,264,764	21.02%
■	Auxiliary Services	\$2,517,998	16.21%
■	Physical Plant	\$1,294,768	8.34%
■	Student Aid	\$1,193,462	7.68%
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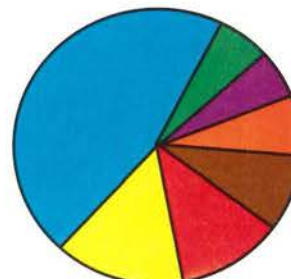
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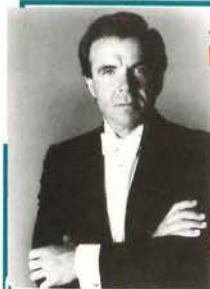
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CAMPUS NEWS



Highlight of the Winter Artist Series at Cedarville was the return of world-class pianist Misha Dichter on February 2. He appears annually in recitals and with symphonies and chamber music groups in major music capitals on several continents. In 1990 his tour will include two Carnegie Hall recitals as well as several duo-piano performances with his wife Cipa. Mr. Dichter has made a number of highly acclaimed recordings, has contributed articles to publications such as *The New York Times*, and exhibited his drawings in New York art galleries.

The new college promotional video is available to purchase (\$10) or to borrow. Please contact the Admissions Office.

Mark Andrew Brown, Director of Security and Safety at Cedarville College, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, January 6. He died at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton as a result of injuries he received from an explosion at the base of the college water tower on December 22. He was 31 years old.

A member of the Greene County Law Enforcement Association, Mark completed work for the degree of Associate in Applied Science in Law Enforcement Technology at Clark Technical College, Springfield, Ohio, in 1987. He was a member of Grace Baptist Church in Cedarville.

His wife Judy, a 1980 Cedarville graduate; four children, Rebecca, Katie, Rachel, and

Andrew; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Brown of Cleveland; four brothers, one sister, two nieces, and two nephews survive him. Another brother preceded him in death.

Mark was honored at a memorial service which was attended by over 2,000 people from the college and community, and from law enforcement, fire fighting, and emergency rescue units in the area.

Described as an "others person," he viewed his work as a ministry. Students remember him for his concern for them, for his helpfulness, and for his devotion to his family. Dr. Paul Dixon commented that Mark loved the college family and the community. But most of all, Mark loved his God.



Mark Andrew Brown
1958-1990

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Tending to Family Business

An interview with C.E. Gene Miller (pictured below with his wife, Betty), chairman of Miller Oil Corporation. Miller Oil is a family-owned and -operated business in Traverse City, Michigan.



Courtesy of Charles J. Lewis Photography

Q.

Gene, tell us about your involvement with Miller Oil.

A.

We acquired the business from our father. For several years, my brother John and I were in partnership and my brother Jack was associated with us in a business named Miller Brothers, a co-partnership. Now we have separate companies, and my children are involved with me in Miller Oil.

Q.

What do your children do in Miller Oil?

A.

Kelly, our son, is president of the company, and son-in-law Doug serves as production manager. Our son David has a geology degree, but was working in administration. He presently is studying finance at Western Michigan. Son Dan managed a field operation and now has started a gas and oil drilling company called West Shores here in Traverse City. So they all have been or will be involved in some way.



How did they become interested in the business?



In the summers the children accompanied me when I traveled around to different job sites. Kelly was thinking about medicine and started out in pre-med. One summer he even worked for an undertaker. But when he took some geology courses, he developed an interest in that area, and now he really likes the oil and gas business. Dave, Dan, and Doug, with the same exposure through summer jobs, developed an interest and chose to continue.



One seldom hears these days of a large, successful company that is family-owned and operated as yours is. To what do you attribute the fact that your family has been able to work together?



We are Christians, and my brothers and sisters and I have always gotten along very well. Our spouses are good friends, too, and we are thankful to God for each member of the family. We enjoy each other and have had a lot of fun together.

I think what is key is that we also have respect and consideration for each other, and that has carried over into the business. The confidence that we brothers have in one another gave each of us the freedom to do the things for which we were responsible without being concerned that some other area was being mismanaged. It's still that way now that the next generation is running the company.



What built cohesiveness in your family?



The church was always the focal point in our lives when we were growing up. For many years all our families regularly attended the same church we boys grew up in.

But our family probably is what it is today because of our parents. Our Christian mother provided the direction, the encouragement, and the daily prayers for our family when we were growing up. My father did not become a Christian until late in his life, but he was ethical and moral. His integrity was always in evidence. We had a strong family identification with these qualities in our father.



How did you and your wife Betty encourage that same cohesiveness?



My wife and I love each other, but we are also best friends. We have a lot of respect and consideration for each other. Betty and I have tried to show these qualities before our children, and encourage them in their lives. Now I see the results of those efforts. Our children love each other and do have respect and consideration for one another. And I see it in their marriages. When I look at other families, I assess their success by the same criteria: how they respect and show consideration for one another.

Betty and I have a commitment to celebrate each day. We praise God for His goodness and His blessings. This has had a positive effect on our family and has drawn us together.



You've emphasized respect and consideration among family members. Could you elaborate?



Part of it is respecting the rights of others to have their own personal property. Part of it is family members showing consideration in sharing their things. It also has to do with supporting and upholding the others in whatever they're doing, in or out of the home. Another thing is being considerate of the feelings of the others. Criticism should always be constructive and never demeaning.

We did not have a lot of bickering and belittling in the family. We tried to convey that our family just didn't act that way and to point the children toward responses that would encourage one another. If that didn't work we dealt with the root problems right away because we felt that if they got continually worse, respect and consideration would be broken down.



How did you and Betty reward the children for exhibiting the positive traits you desired in them?

A.

With praise and encouragement, with an attitude that said, "You've done the right thing, and we are pleased."

Q.

As I have seen you with family members, and I include your son- and daughters-in-law, I have noticed your gracious relationship with them. It is very open, very friendly, but yet respecting the other in dignity and grace. Is that something you've had to work on?

A.

I'm happy that it shows. Yes, that's what we have tried to do, and the fact that we've worked on it from the beginning doesn't mean we don't or won't have some differences. But even if they arise, the manner in which we handle them can keep the relationship intact. God gave us wonderful mates for our children, and our relationships are very good.

Q.

What else has contributed to making your family successful?

A.

If we are successful as a family, much of the credit goes to my wife Betty. She was the one who was there when the kids got up in the morning and when they came home at noon or in the afternoon. They knew she would be there waiting to share and to offer guidance and prayer. There was a time of talking and listening and a Bible story at bedtime. Her involvement in our family home life has been a major factor in our cohesiveness.

Q.

Your job required you to travel a great deal. How did you arrange quality time with your family?

A.

When we could schedule it, they came with me. One time, when a job wasn't wrapped up on time, we spent Thanksgiving in a motel, but we were together. Sometimes we could work a family trip around the job. We had a lot of what you might call "home schooling in the automobile." Betty had us learning all kinds of things using flash cards—names and capitals of the states and multiplication tables, for example.

Q.

What are some ways the local church has affected your family?

A.

Going to church is something that we've done regularly and together. When our kids were growing up, we appreciated the strong youth programs in our church. Our local church has good things to offer young adults and young families—discipling, parenting classes, and of course, fellowship opportunities.

Q.

The aspect of family respect and consideration has been an important thing in your life, Gene. What else would you share with young couples just starting out in their marriages?

A.

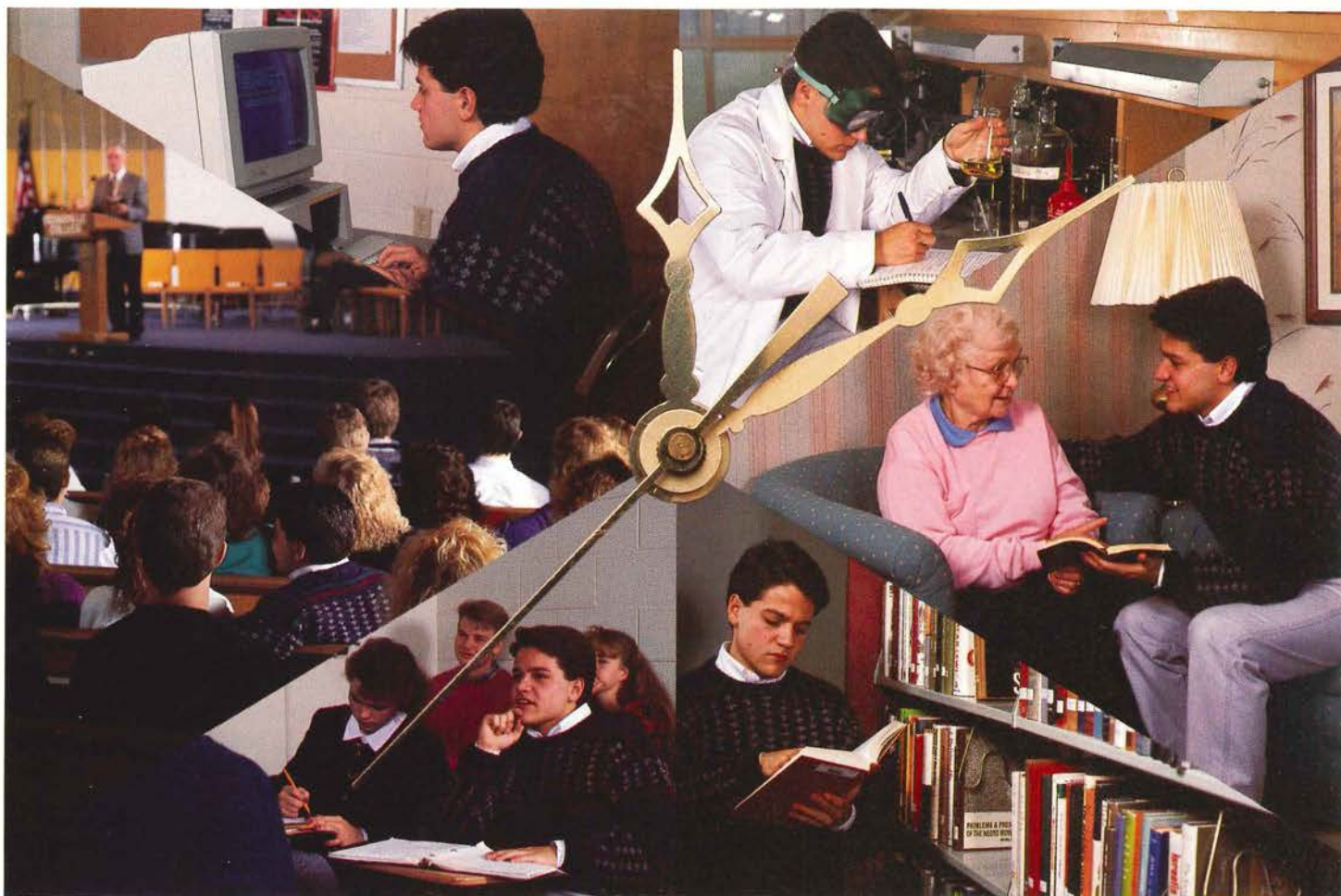
Celebrate each day. Thank God daily for His blessings and for each other. Enjoy each other and each day's activities. Don't be in too big a hurry to accumulate. You don't have to have everything in the first year or two. The idea is to live within your means and not get strung out.

Q.

It sounds as though you and your family like what you do, whether it's in the business or at home.

A.

Yes, I do enjoy my family and my work. It is important when you get up in the morning to say, "I'm going to enjoy what I do today" and, before you go to sleep at night, to be able to say, "This was a fun day." The Lord really has been involved in my life and in the lives of my family on a day-to-day basis, and I feel very fortunate to be able to look back and say, "Man, this has been a blast!" ■



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If you desire to influence our students, consider taking part in the Cedarville College Annual Fund. It is one of the few investments in which you can make a difference each and every day.

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Unless the Lord Builds the House...

by Tim and Amy DeCook Royer

1989 graduates of Cedarville College



December 10, 1988, is the day we became a family. That day we gave our lives wholly to each other, and, with that commitment, we began a building process that will continue throughout our marriage. We like to compare this process of building a family to that of building a house.

In building a house we must have **blueprints** to guide us through the building process.

***Tim:** Proverbs 24:2-3 states, "Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established: And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches."*

***Amy:** Just as blueprints must be approved according to codes and standards, the blueprints for our family must be based on God's Word and adhered to.*

As a **solid foundation** is absolutely necessary in the construction of a quality home, so does a family need a solid foundation. We consider ourselves blessed of God because we are members of godly families that consistently modeled for us what a Christian family truly is.

When a couple begins a marriage, they bring into the union "materials" and "tools," some positive and some negative. If these are not sorted out beforehand, the negatives eventually will surface and can be detrimental to the foundation of the home. When we reached the point of considering marriage, we took a good look at our past

Tim is taking graduate work at Psychological Studies Institute, Georgia State University. Amy serves as a nurse at Henrietta Elgeston Hospital for Children.

Courtesy of Cammeraad Photography

family experiences to see how they would affect our new family. We examined our immediate families, decided what we liked, then determined to implement these positives into a solid base.

Tim: My father's death when I was young affected my family deeply. To fill in the space left by the loss, we always showed deep appreciation and love for each other. We had a very strong support system, something that I desire to be a fundamental element in the foundation of our new family.

Amy: It really amazes me to realize the full impact my family has had on me — the person I am today. The way I reason, express myself, work, prioritize, and relax all seem to stem from experiences within my family. Much of this is a result of Mom and Dad spending priority time with us, something I keep in my heart as a goal for our family.

Tim: It is tough at times to imagine living up to what my mom and stepfather are like and creating a household like they have. When I start feeling overwhelmed, I must realize that God does not expect that of us right now. He only wants us to trust Him to make us mature and to help us keep the correct perspective on the family.

Amy: We were able to incorporate Steve Green's song, "Find Us Faithful," into our wedding ceremony as a tribute to our parents. It is difficult to comprehend following in the footsteps of people I admire and respect so. However, I have begun to pray this prayer (that those who come behind us find us faithful) for Tim and me as well, realizing it is God who masterplans and I am merely the tool He may use.

The foundation for our future family was strengthened during our time at Cedarville College. Dr. Dixon's series on the family and messages from other chapel speakers contributed important concepts to our emerging foundation. Spending time with the families of professors and other college personnel added much for our consideration.

Tim: During my Cedarville experience I was able to observe families of professors and friends that were very different from my own family but were still serving the Lord.

Amy: At Cedarville, far away from my own family, I became very close to some families in the "college family." It was a great opportunity to see their style and how they handled different situations. I gleaned new ideas for ministry and for family life apart from my own family experience, sort of like shopping around for that special item rather than settling for selections from one store.

Through these experiences we discovered that each family has a unique design in its relationship with God. He did not want our new family to be a clone of our immediate families, but a brand new establishment.

Once we had blueprints and a foundation, we were able to move into the **building process**--our part. Just as building the structure of a house takes a lot of time and work, so does the building of a family.

At first one might think all this time and work must go into the couple's relationship to each other. However, while this is important, it is not the most important.

Through extensive reading before our marriage, we discovered the concept which has strengthened the building of our family: before intimacy begins within a family or even with one's life partner, it must first start with oneself. This is definitely the most important thing to be worked on before we ever can expect to build a successful marriage and family. We work to build intimacy with God and in the process come to accept and understand ourselves. Only then can we begin to accept and understand others and work on the structure of the family.

Tim: I remember one time when I asked my stepbrother Mark about being married and having a family. He said, "Tim, when I got married I discovered that I was a very selfish person. But after we had our first child, I found that I was even more

selfish than I had ever imagined." Mark's words often have made me take an honest look at myself. When things are tough in our family, I try to look inside to determine where I really am coming from to see if it is motivated by my own selfishness.

Amy: During my second year in college I was very involved in ministry activities and really enjoyed these opportunities. But I found myself coming back to the dorm feeling very alone. I cried to the Lord to become my best friend, and He used this opportunity to show me many things about myself, both positive and negative. He taught me to see myself the way He created me. As we face growing times in our marriage, I am constantly forced back to this lesson to take an honest look at **me** before examining **us**.

We feel as if we are still in the structural stage of our family and are gradually moving into the final stage. This stage is the lifelong process of **finishing touches**.

During this stage new rooms will be added (children), some older rooms repainted, and new trim nailed up. In this finishing phase we might need to repair damaged areas of the family which we have messed up through our own carelessness.

We realize that it took many years of work, love, and devotion to God on the part of the families we came from to arrive at the point they are now. We understand that building our new Christian family demands this same work, love, and devotion to God.

We also realize that our family will not be beautiful all the time, but if we follow the blueprints and hold on to the foundation, in the end we will have built a home that pleases the Lord, the Master Builder. ■

Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it
Psalm 127:1a



Bill and Eleanor Moyer of Blooming Glen, Pennsylvania, with daughter Susan, a 1989 graduate. The students elected Susan their 1988 Homecoming Queen.

“Susan Deepened Her Walk with God at Cedarville College” —Bill Moyer

“All Christian parents hope that their children will continue to grow in the Lord when they leave home. When Susan began to consider college, we realized that she still needed more molding spiritually. That’s why we encouraged her to make Cedarville the college of her choice. Her brothers Scott and Steve had attended there, and we were convinced that Cedarville was the place for our daughter, too.

“We were impressed with the family atmosphere, the caring attitude of the professors, and the daily emphasis on spiritual things. We *knew* that Susan could mature in Christ at Cedarville.

“During her four years there, Susan seemed to make the most of every minute. Her rigorous classes motivated her to develop good study habits. She took advantage of what seemed like endless cultural and recreational events, and she made friendships she will keep for a lifetime. She also learned to be a soul winner. Witness-

ing to youth in beach evangelism and to senior citizens in nursing homes were experiences she will never forget.

“Yes, a college education is expensive these days. But we were encouraged by the tremendous value we found at Cedarville. To us, Susan’s education was an excellent investment, not only in first class academic preparation, but also in character-building experiences that would mark her for life.

“Now our daughter is a graduate. And we are thrilled with the result. Cedarville must have been pleased with the result, too, because she currently is representing the college to prospective students.

“Her future? She is considering missions or work with inner city youth. Whatever she does, we feel she is ready spiritually. Yes, we feel that the Lord used Cedarville College to prepare her with fine academics, but most of all with the opportunity to deepen her walk with God.”

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